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Addendum

Coordination questions: report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination

(*item 5 (a)*)

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 2000

1. At its 20th meeting, on 25 June 2001, the Committee considered the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) for 2001 (E/2001/55).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the report and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the report.

Discussion

3. It was noted that the usefulness of ACC as a vital coordination mechanism for the activities of the organizations of the system needed no further proof. In that context, support was expressed for the role of ACC in promoting a culture of consultation and cooperation among agencies and thereby in enhancing system-wide cohesion.

4. The format and the content of the report were welcomed and it was noted that the report for 2000 represented a marked improvement over the reports of previous years. The report was found to be more readable and more informative and had taken into account the suggestions made by the Committee the previous year.

5. A number of suggestions were put forward for future annual reports. It was suggested that in future ACC overview reports should provide more specific

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information on problems encountered by ACC in its coordination efforts and how they were resolved. The report should also show how the work programmes of different agencies were coordinated and provide information on the outcome of such coordination efforts. The question of lessons learned and best practices was also raised. It was requested that future reports focus on what ACC was actively doing to fulfil its mandate and to report on the actions of its subcommittees.

6. It was noted that the issues addressed by ACC during 2000, especially such matters as globalization, the digital divide and follow-up to conferences, were indeed priority areas. With reference to the issue of the globalization processes, it was indicated that the United Nations system's engagement with the private sector should be within the boundaries set by the intergovernmental bodies.

7. It was indicated that, as part of its coordinating role, ACC should monitor the way in which its member organizations were complying with the goals and targets established in the Millennium Declaration.

8. Note was also taken of the information in the report on the response of the United Nations system on the drought and food security situation in the countries of the Horn of Africa and of the decline in official development assistance to Africa. Hope was expressed that the United Nations system would appeal to the international community to provide increased assistance to Africa.

9. Note was taken of ACC consideration of staff security and safety and its reaffirmation that the safety and security of United Nations personnel was the responsibility of Member States. Information was requested, in the future, on the progress ACC was making in implementing the cost-sharing of a security management system to better protect United Nations personnel, as approved by the General Assembly in December 2000.

10. Satisfaction was expressed with the ACC reform process, including its decision to establish two high-level committees. It was suggested that ACC discuss the benefits gained from its reorganization efforts and from consolidating its secretariat. Support was expressed for the proposed new name for ACC. There was also agreement with the priorities identified by ACC for its programme of work for 2001, although it was suggested that in future more details should be provided.

11. Note was taken of the information provided in the report concerning Article 50 of the Charter of the United Nations and it was indicated that CPC should recommend that ACC continue to cover the subject.

Conclusions and recommendations

12. The Committee took note of the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 2000 (E/2001/55).

13. The Committee reaffirmed the important role of ACC in coordinating the implementation of the relevant intergovernmental mandates for mobilizing and monitoring the economic assistance efforts of the international community and the United Nations system to States confronted with special economic problems arising from the implementation of preventive or enforcement measures imposed by the Security Council, and in identifying solutions to the special economic problems of those States as well as in providing support for the

efforts of the States affected by the developments in the Balkans for their economic recovery, structural adjustment and development.

14. The Committee recommended that ACC should continue its work in coordinating the implementation of the relevant intergovernmental mandates and report on its progress in the context of its annual overview reports.

15. The Committee stressed the need for the annual report of ACC to place more emphasis on its role in ensuring effective coordination among the organizations of the system.

16. The Committee noted the reform measures adopted by ACC during 2000 and requested it to reflect the practical outcomes of those measures in its next annual overview report.